(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The request received from Madhya Pradesh Government is under consideration of AAI.

AAI's bid for management of Abuja airport

1332. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) has bid for the rights to operate and manage the airport in Abuja, Nigeria;

(b) the quantum of air and passenger traffic at the domestic and the international airport in Abuja; and

(c) the tentative financial involvement and technichal collaboration, if any, to offer a world class package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total Aircraft movement for domestic and international flights was 31,590 and 2,537 respectively and the total passenger movement for domestic and international flight was 16,52,510 and 1,73,724 respectively in the year 2005.

(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no equity share in the Consortium. AAI's role in the Consortium is that of Technical Advisor and Airport Operator.

Setting up new international airports in the country

†1333. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of international airports at present, State-wise;

(b) whether approval has been accorded to set up new international airports;

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(c) if so, the places where these international airports are likely to be set up as well as the number of such airports; and

(d) by when these international airports are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 16 declared international airports in the country. The State wise details are as follows: Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Bangalore (Karnataka), Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut and Cochin (Kerala), Nagpur and Mumbai (Maharashtra), Amritsar (Punjab), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Kolkata (West Bengal), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Goa and Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Two greenfield international airports namely Hyderabad International Airport at Shamasabad near Hyderabad and Bangalore International Airport at Devanhalli near Bangalore are under construction and expected to start operation by mid 2008. Government of India has also accorded 'In-principle' approval for setting up new international airport at Mopa in Goa.

Free air passage to retired bureaucrats

1334. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired bureaucrats of Indian Airlines and Air India are provided with free air passage;

(b) if so, the number of bureaucrats availed of free air passage during the last three years; and

(c) what are the destination mostly preferred by bureaucrats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Some Government officers serve Air India and Indian Airlines on deputation basis. They are not provided with free air passages after completion/termination of their deputation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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